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Expansion of Air India Network
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the debt hit Air India is planning a massive expansion of its international network with flights to South America, Toronto, Spain and Africa and increasing frequencies to destinations such as Dubai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Air India proposes to introduce new flights in 2016;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is shortage of pilots in Air India; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) and (b): Air India has wide international network and currently operates to 36 international destinations in the US, Europe, Middle East, South East Asia, Far East and Australia. At present Air India has no operations to South America, Toronto, Spain and Africa, also Air India has no plans to expand its international network to South America. Air India continuously evaluates the International routes on commercial parameters for commencing new flights subject to availability of resources.

(c) and (d): Air India commenced operations to Vienna (Austria) with effect from 06th April, 2016.

(e): No, Madam.

(f): Does not arise in view of (e) above.